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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 26, 2005 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

The notice states that the status of claims 1-16, 25-53 and 55 are not clear because these claims were previously listed as canceled but in the previous response they were listed as withdrawn. The notice further states that the above claims should be listed if they are withdrawn and not canceled. Finally, the notice states that two sets of claims 1-53 were submitted in the previous response.

Applicant herein provides listing of the pending claims 17-24, 56 and 57. As stated in the Listing of the Claims, claims 1-16, 25-53 and 55 are canceled, and therefore are not listed. For the sake of clarity, the status identifiers for the claims listed in the Listing of the Claims are presented as if the previous non-responsive amendment were not entered. The Listing of the